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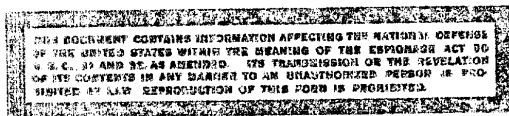
SUBJECT Production Bottlenecks at Siemens-Plania

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1. One of the serious bottlenecks in production of carbon rods at Siemens-Plania, Berlin-Lichtenberg, is the supply of retort bowls (Retortenschalen), a raw material (sic) ingredient of carbon rods which are delivered by the Merzel firm in Neustadt am Ruebenberge, West Germany. 1/ Without continued supply of this commodity, a by-product of an unidentified commercial production process, Siemens-Plania would be required to discontinue their carbon rod production.
2. A second bottleneck which is at present holding up the production of industrial ovens on order for delivery to the USSR is the delivery of a heat-resistant aluminum paint spray for finishing the interior of the ovens. This paint can reportedly be obtained only from West Germany. Siemens-Plania is currently attempting to obtain a supply sufficient to complete its present orders through the offices of a middleman, reportedly a firm by the name of Huehne, located in Berlin-Dahlem, Clay Allee. 2/ Unless Siemens obtains this paint, it will not be able to deliver the ovens, which will be unusable without the aluminum paint lining.

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- 1/   Comment. This firm may be identical with the firm of August Jensen, supplier of galvanic coal (Galvanische Kohle), located in Neustadt am Ruebenberge, Wunsdorfer Strasse 56.
- 2/   Comment. Check of the 1952 Berlin Telephone Directory and of the Deutsches Branchen-Fernsprechbuch failed to reveal any firm by the name of Huehne located on Clay Allee.

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